# **Enhanced Vapor Recovery**

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Systems

Data sources – COGCC; EcoVapor Emissions
Calculator\*; TCEQ; Operator Data

\* Factors and calculations verified by LT Environmental

### **Key Points**

- Oil and condensate storage tanks are one of the largest sources of VOC emissions at well sites.
- Use of flares / combustors to control flash gas can be counterproductive due to waste and additional NOx emissions.
- Capturing and conditioning flash gas for sale reduces waste, VOC and NOx emissions and generates additional revenues for operators.
- Oxygen is the primary contaminant in tank flash gas. It can now be removed down to levels acceptable by all gas gatherers and pipelines.
- This oxygen removal technology is compatible with 3<sup>rd</sup> party VRUs and is significantly more effective in controlling flash gas than VRTs.
- It is now being used by majors and independent operators in most major producing basins in the US.
- Current installations are offsetting the emissions of over 2 million cars.

EcoVapor is not expecting that the MAP Team, NMED, or EMNRD endorse our technology or equipment. My goal here today is to advise what is now possible in regards to controlling and reducing emissions from flash gas from oil storage tanks.

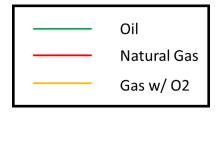
#### Variables Relevant to Methane Emission Reductions

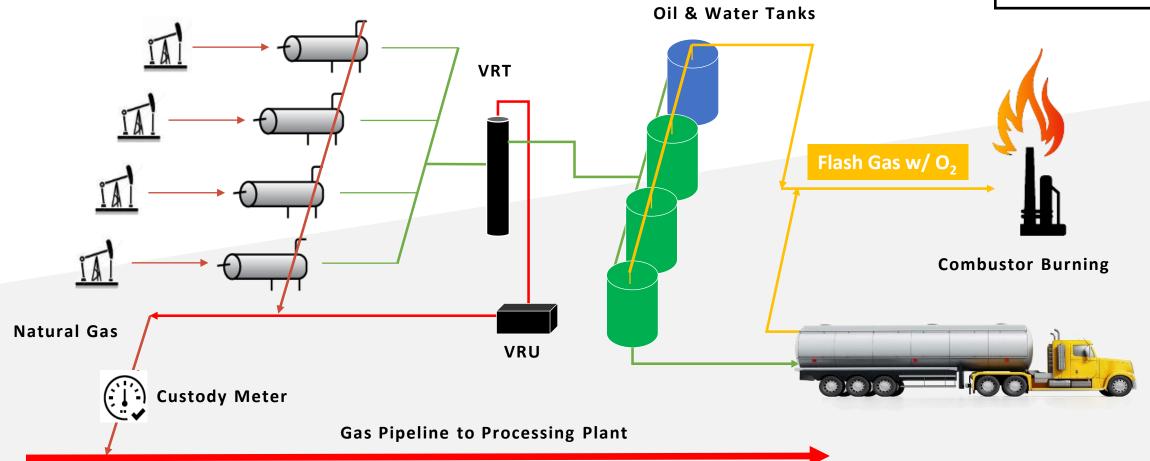
- Volume of methane in recovered gas streams
- Availability of gas gathering infrastructure
- Proper sizing of equipment i.e. reasonably accurate oil production and facility design/equipment information
- Proper operation and maintenance of interdependent equipment –
   i.e. VRUs



# STATUS QUO – WITH VRU/VRT

**Separators** 







## Flaring – 3.0 MMCFD



### WASTE

- ~ 1200 BOPD energy equivalent
- ~ 3% to 7% of natural gas produced at site
- Fuel gas ~ 200 MCFD

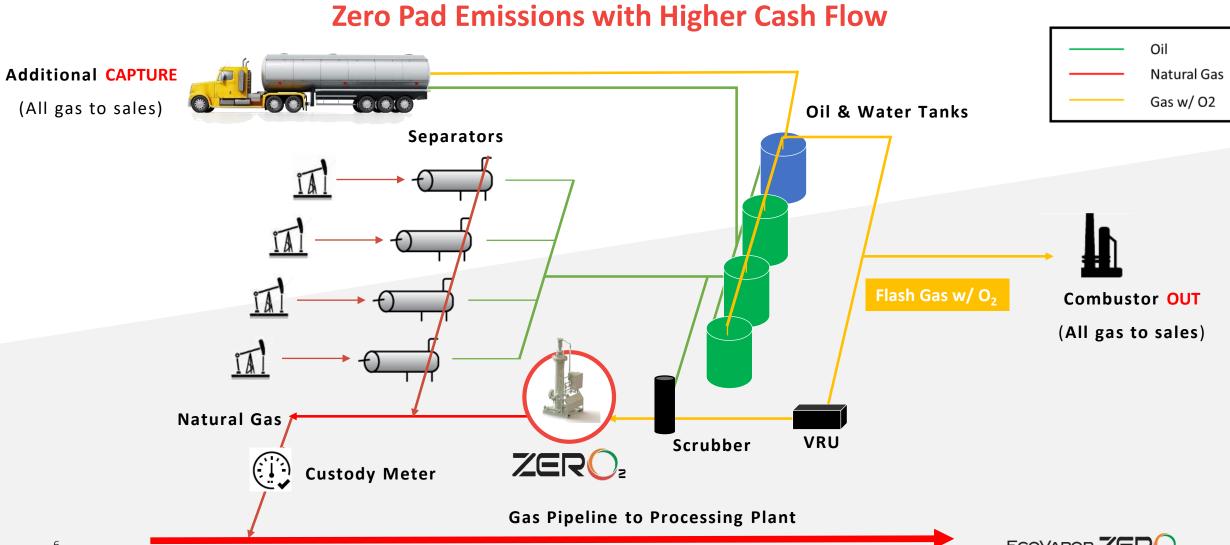
## **EMISSIONS**

- VOC+NOx ~ 7,500 TPY
- GHGs ~ 1,090,000 TPY
- CO2e ~ 1,120,000 TPY
- Vehicle VOC equivalent ~ 560,000
  - Vehicle NOx equivalents ~ 12,000

GWP/CO2e Factors	C02:	1
_	CH4:	25
	NOx:	298

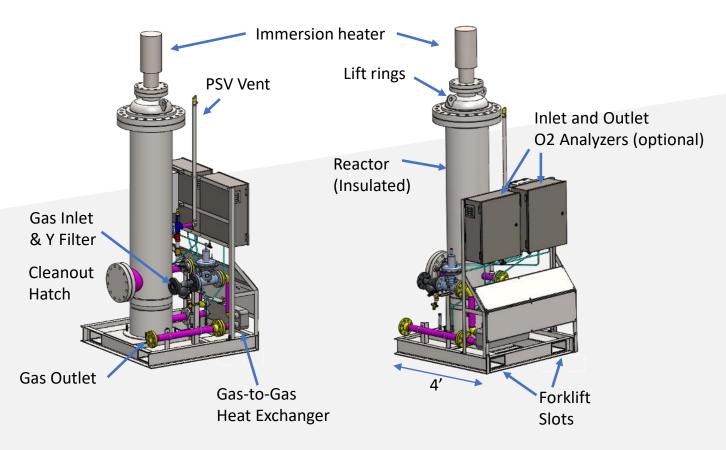
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## **IDEAL SITE – Complete Vapor Capture**



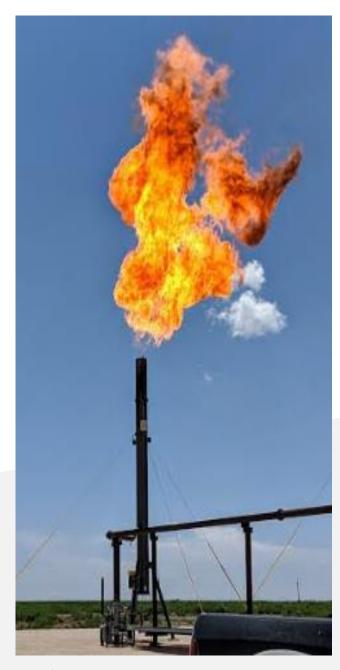
### **Enhanced Flash Gas Recovery System**

- Patented technology removes oxygen from heated gas stream
- Straightforward installation, less than one day, and no moving parts. **Immediate impact**
- Small footprint 4 ft x 4 ft skid for 300 MCFD capacity system
- Minimal 480V power consumption
- Very low maintenance; 99.8% uptime
- Remote monitoring and control included
- 300 and 1200 MCF/day capacity sized systems available



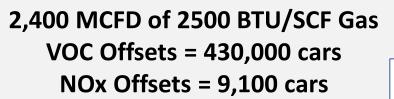
Source: EcoVapor Machimatic System





# West Texas ZerO2 E 1200s Installation 100% Gas Capture – May, 2019





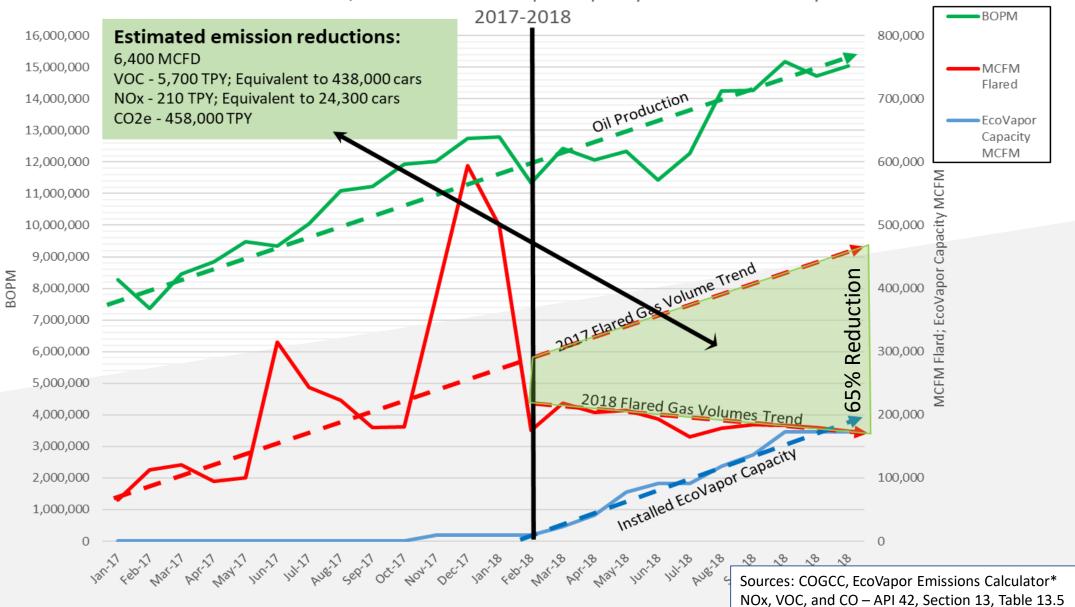


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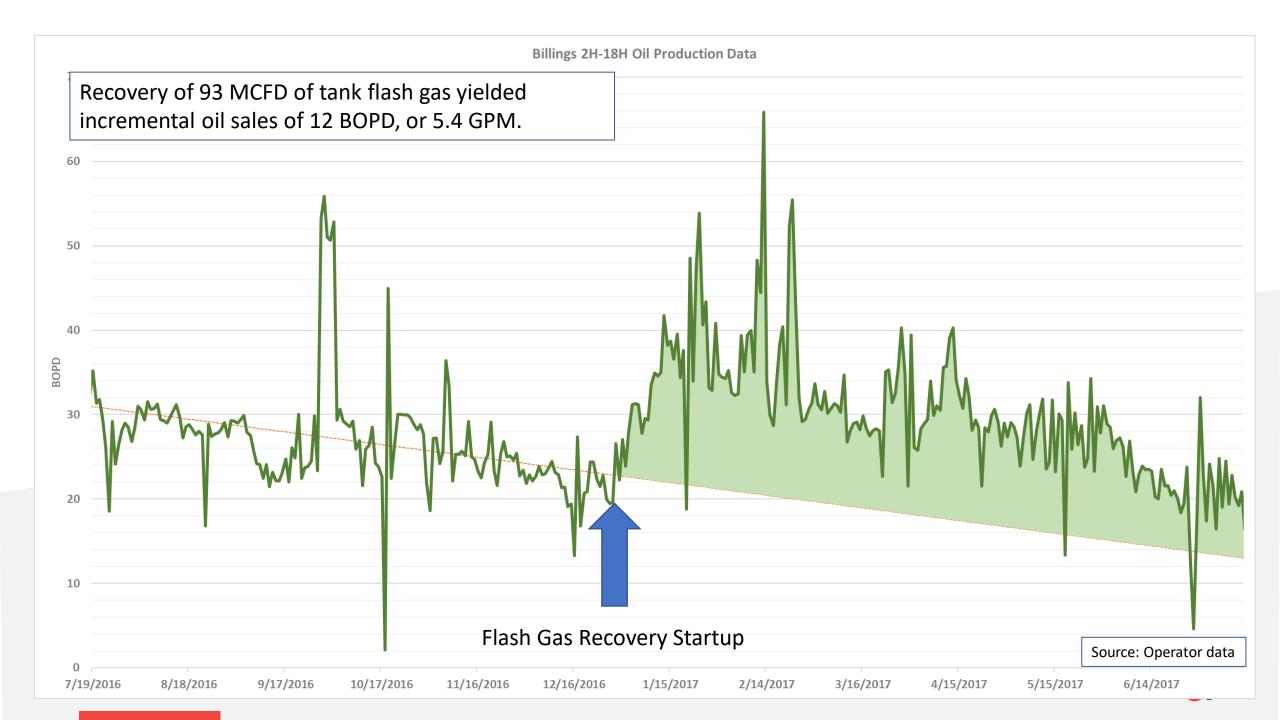
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#### DJ Basin Operator

Oil Production, Flared Gas & EcoVapor Capacity Data - Weld County



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## **Economics of Gas Capture**

- 6400 MCFD of 2800 BTU/SCF Gas
- \$2/MMBTU net price
- 80% NRI

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Annual revenue = $10,465,280
Processing cost per MMBTU = $0.30
Total processing cost = $1,962,240
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#### **TCEQ Control Credit Applicability Table - ZerO2 Impacts**

Control Credit %:	What / Why:	Provided By:	Criteria 1:	Criteria 2:	
95%	Installation of a	mVRU	Designed to capture	Designed to sense	
	Vapor Recovery		vapor	pressure and capture	
	System			during peak periods	
1%	mVRU	mVRU	The mVRU	The mVRU	
	compressor		compressor is	compressor is	
	design and		capable of handling	capable of changing	
	controls		both wet and dry	speeds to respond to	
			gas.	changing conditions.	
1%	Additional	mVRU (or	Enables greater	Enables greater	_
	sensing	ancillary	control	efficiency	
	equipment	equipment)			
1%	Appropriately	mVRU (or	Operates	Redirects streams as	
	designed	ancillary	automatically	needed	
	bypass system	equipment)			
1%	Oxygen ingress	Ancillary			
	control **	equipment			
1%	Continuous	mVRU (or			
	monitoring and	ancillary			
	recordkeeping	equipment)			_

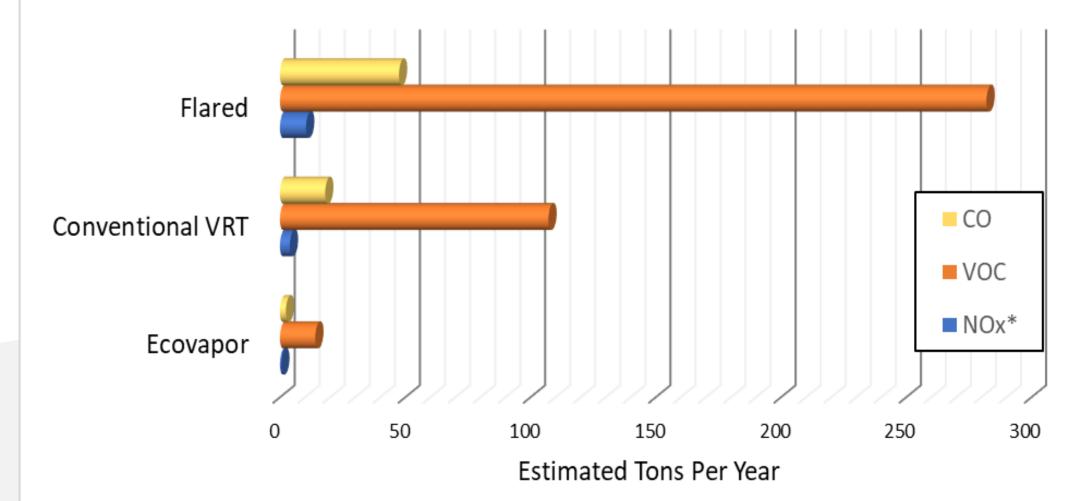
Basic VRU

**Enhanced System** 

Source: TCEQ

100%

# Estimated Emissions under Three Control Methods 300 mscfd of 46 Mol Wt Vapor

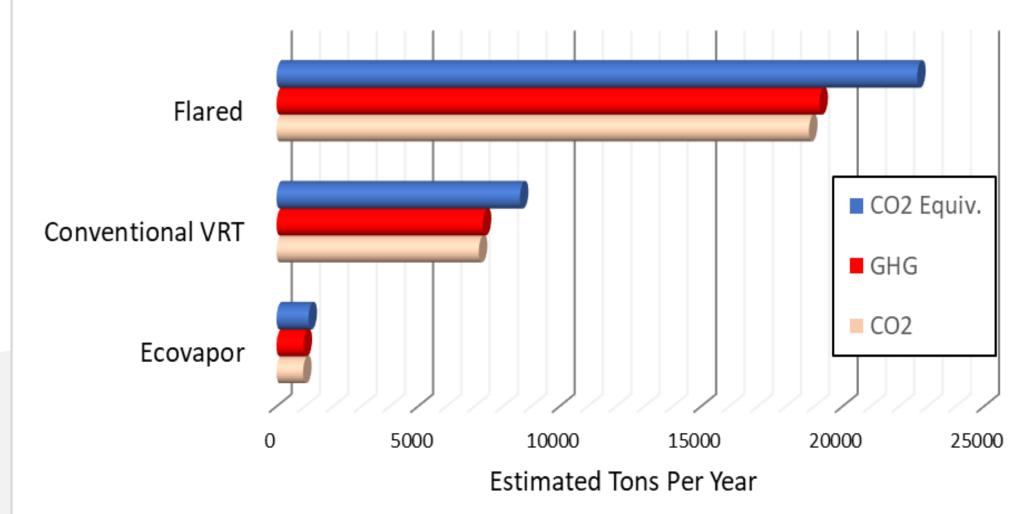


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## **Producing Areas w/ EcoVapor Systems**

- Texas Permian
- New Mexico Permian
- Eagle Ford
- DJ Basin
- Powder River Basin
- Oklahoma STACK and SCOOP
- Bakken

Customers include international majors, large, medium, and smaller independent producers, and gas gatherers. EcoVapor equipment can be used on sweet gas and sour gas by incorporating either liquid or solid sweetening systems.

These systems can be installed at new sites as well as retrofitted at existing production facilities. Installation and time to startup is often less than 24 hours after delivery. Lead times range from one to six weeks.

Source: EcoVapor

## A Solution for Complete Vapor Recovery

- A proven, effective and reliable process for capturing all vapor generated on a pad
- Flaring as an Emergency Practice is again possible
- Operators enjoy higher production and cash flow sell instead of waste
- Operators have a safer and lower environmental impact site
- Tanked sites have emission profiles comparable to tankless sites
- Air permitting process is simplified and streamlined
- Production sites become a better sight to see and not hear, and a better neighbor overall

PROVEN IN OVER 150 INSTALLATIONS IN MOST MAJOR US BASINS